[29th January 1934

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know whether Vōda Revu in the Guntur district was appealed to be converted as a foreign port?"

The hon. the President:—"The question does not arise out of this question."

Irrigation

Failure of water-supply in the Cumbum tank, Kurnool district.

* 495 *Q.*—S. M. K. Beyabani Sahib Bahadur:—Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Cumbum tank (Kurnool) was supplying water for double-crops till recent years but that it now hardly supplies water for one crop every year;

(*b*) what the reasons are for the failure of proper supply of water to this tank;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that a number of small ponds have been constructed in recent years in the big basin of this tank resulting in the obstruction of water flowing into this tank; and

(*d*) what the number is of such ponds and who ordered their construction?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The following papers[a] are placed on the table:—

Chief Engineer's letter, dated 21st September 1931.

Proceedings of the Irrigation Development Board, No. 41, dated 13th October 1931.

Chief Engineer's letter, dated 22nd January 1932.

(*c*) & (*d*) The Government have not the information. The Collector reported in October 1931 that, during his inspection about that time, he found that in some places in the bed of the tank there was high ground near the bund and that there were many pools of water beyond them indicating that the ground there was very low, but that the surface drainage from the lands cultivated higher up in the tank-bed tended to fill up the shallows gradually. The construction of ponds in the tank-bed could not have been authorized. The Government will, however, make enquiries.

Preventive measures against submergence of Oobrapalayam, Kilanur.

* 496 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. Dharmalingam Pillai: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the result of the enquiry promised to be made in answer to question No. 316, dated 5th August 1921;

(*b*) whether the submerging of the Oobrapalayam of Kilanur and its suburbs during the floods of 1930 was due to the absence of a diversion bund; and

(*c*) what action the Government propose to take to prevent such recurrence of overflow?

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a Printed as Appendix on pages 105–107 infra.